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SUBJECT: OVERVIEW OF MRS. CARTER'S VISIT TO PERU

1. MRS. ROSALYNN CARTER'S JUNE 3-6 VISIT TO PERU COMBINED
SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS OF BILATERAL AND REGIONAL ISSUES WITH
A DEMONSTRATION OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S WISH TO IMPROVE
PERSONAL TIES AND FRIENDSHIP WITH PERU. MRS. CARTER OUT-
LINED THESE PURPOSES IN HER ARRIVAL STATEMENT. SHE INDICATED
A WISH TO LEARN OF PERUVIAN PROGRAMS TO BETTER THE SOCIAL AND
ECONOMIC LIFE OF THE PEOPLE. IN REFERRING TO THE GOP'S PLAN
"TUPAC AMARU", SHE SHOWED U.S. INTEREST IN ITS PROMISE TO
INCREASE THE POLITICAL PARTICIPATION OF ALL PERUVIANS IN
THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES OF GOVERNMENT. MRS. CARTER CONTINUED
THAT SHE WISHED TO EMPHASIZE THE ADMINISTRATION'S CONCERN
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE NECESSITY TO CONTROL THE PROBLEM OF
INCREASED ARMAMENTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. IN HER FOLLOWING
REFERENCE TO THE DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO, A PERUVIAN PROPOSAL
FOR REGIONAL ARMS LIMITATION, SHE SIGNALLED TO HER HOSTS THAT
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PERU'S HEAVY ARMAMENTS PURCHASES ARE OF CONCERN TO THE U.S.
AND PERU'S NEIGHBORS, AND THAT SHE INTENDED TO DISCUSS THIS
QUESTION. MRS. CARTER COUPLED THESE POINTS WITH WORDS AND A
PERSONAL STYLE TO INDICATE THE ADMINISTRATION'S FRIENDLY
DISPOSITION TOWARD PERU AND WISH FOR IMPROVED OFFICIAL AND
PERSONAL RELATIONS.

2. PERU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER REPORTED THAT MRS. CARTER'S UNAFFECTED, FRIENDLY AND DIRECT MANNER "CAPTIVATED THOSE SHE MET". FURTHERMORE, THE NEWSPAPER NOTED THAT HER WORDS WENT BEYOND THE MERELY PROTOCOLARY. PERHAPS ALLUDING TO HER SUBSTANTIVE MISSION, ANOTHER DAILY TERMED HER THE "MAGNOLIA OF STEEL". THE TONE OF ALL PERUVIAN MEDIA (AS WELL AS MAN-IN-THE-STREET) COMMENTARY ON THE VISIT HAS BEEN HIGHLY FAVORABLE AND INDICATES THAT MRS. CARTER GOT HER PERSONAL MESSAGE ACROSS.

3. BRASILIA 4636 (A MEMORANDUM OF MRS. CARTER'S CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ) REPORTS THAT MRS. CARTER FOLLOWED UP HER SUBSTANTIVE POINTS IN DEPTH IN PRIVATE OFFICIAL CONVERSATION. FOR HIS PART, MORALES BERMUDEZ' RESPONSES AND OTHER STATEMENTS IN THE FIELDS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, ARMAMENTS AND THE ECONOMIC ISSUES OF THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE SHOW THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE BILATERAL, REGIONAL AND WORLD ISSUES SERIOUSLY WITH MRS. CARTER, AND THAT THERE WAS A FRUITFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

4. MRS. CARTER'S VISIT TO PERU WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IN ITS GOOD WILL ASPECTS AND IN ITS DIPLOMATIC BUT FIRM INDICATION THAT WHILE BILATERAL AND REGIONAL PROBLEMS DO EXIST, THE U.S. WANTS TO WORK WITH PERU TO HELP RESOLVE THEM.

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